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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| Appln. No.   | : | 09/876,431                           | Confirmation No.: | 3400 |
| Applicant    | : | Poon et al.                          |                   |      |
| Filed        | : | June 6, 2001                         |                   |      |
| TC/A.U.      | : | 2877                                 |                   |      |
| Examiner     | : | Khaled Brown                         |                   |      |
| Docket No.   | : | NRCAP003                             |                   |      |
| Customer No. | : | 26541                                |                   |      |
| Title        | : | DUAL FORCE MODE FINE STAGE APPARATUS |                   |      |

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT E**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 9, 2004, the period for response with a one-month extension of time which extends through March 9, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.